

June 20. Letters from Copenhagen, dated June 2, confirm, that before the Queen Matilda embarked for Stade, she had carried her point so far as to have an annuity for life assured to her of 30,000 rix dollars, which sum, in English money, amounts to 71251. sterling.

William Eden, Esq; of Lincoln's-Inn, Barrister, and Auditor of Greenwich Hospital, is appointed under Secretary of State in the room of the late Thomas Whately, Esquire.

The madman who formerly cut trees in Rew Gardens, made an attempt, as it is supposed, to assassinate his Majesty, in his way from one garden to the other at Kew.—He was, however, fortuitously discovered by a treacherable paper he had put into the key hole of the garden door; and being apprehended, three loaded pistols were found upon him, and a clasp knife, with which he wounded one of the keepers of the manhouse.

Letters from Pa is say, that 15,000 muskets of a new invention, are finished at Vincennes; they fire 15 times in a minute, carry 900 paces, and weigh nine pounds.

Last Sunday died, at Warrington in Lancashire, Mr. Samuel Fothergill, an eminent preacher among the Quakers, and brother to Dr. Fothergill of this city.

June 24. Came on, at Guildhall, the election for Sheriffs for this city and county of Middlesex for the year ensuing; when Alderman Oliver, and Watkin Lewis, Esq; were returned; but a poll was demanded for Alderman Plumbe. Alderman Kirkman who was likewise a candidate, declined the poll, telling the livery at the same time, that whenever they should choose him, he should be ready to serve them.

June 26. There is an account from Spain, that a dreadful earthquake had almost destroyed the fine city of Manila, capital of the Philippine Isles, in the south Sea.

June 30. The Moors have commenced hostilities against the Dutch, by taking a merchant ship from Amsterdam within sight of Gibraltar. Other accounts say, they have taken above forty ships belonging to the Dutch, and carried the crews into slavery; and that a formidable squadron from Flushing is just upon the point of sailing, in order to make reprisals.

A patent is making out of a Peeage for Sir Robert Keith, lately arrived from Copenhagen.

A gentleman from Paris assures us that the Princes of the blood have signed a protest against the whole proceedings of the court, from June 1771 to this time, and sent it to the King.

It is said as a matter to be depended on, that a commission is now making out appointing his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester Captain General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces.

The commission of bankruptcy against a certain Baronet's house will, it is generally thought, be superseded; and many even talk, that after satisfying all just demands, there will not only be a redundancy of 100,000l. but an estate of 4000l. a year.

Sir George Colebrooke, and Mr. Arnold Nesbit, are gone to Dublin with a large sum of money, we hear to support a bank which they have in that city, and which in the present state of public credit cannot be placed upon too solid a foundation.

July 1. At the final Close of the Poll, this afternoon, at Guildhall, for Sheriffs of this City and County of Middlesex, the numbers stood as follows:

For Mr. Alderman Oliver,	1586
Watkin Lewis, Esq;	1327
Mr. Alderman Plumbe	762

PHILADELPHIA, August 20.

Since our last several Persons have been taken up and committed to Jail, on Suspicion of being concerned in the late Robberies in this City.—One John Dennis, on Society-hill, was likewise committed on Suspicion of receiving stolen Goods, great Quantities of which were found secreted in divers Parts of his House.

Extract of a letter from London, dated July 2.

"The great negro cause was determined a few days ago, and the consequence was, the negro obtained his freedom. The poor fellow was present in the court at the decision, as were likewise a great many other blacks, all of whom, as soon as Lord Mansfield had delivered the opinion of the court, came forward, and bowed first to the judges, and then to the bar with symptoms of the most extravagant joy. Who can help admiring the genius of that Government, which thus dispenses freedom to all around it? No station or character is above the law, nor is any beneath its protection. The Monarch and the beggar are alike subject to it. *Pauperum tabernæ Regumque turris*, are equally guarded by it."

ANNAPOLIS, SEPTEMBER 3.

On Tuesday last the Theatre in this City was opened, to a brilliant and judicious Assembly, with *Kelly's Word to the Wife*, which was received with the greatest Marks of Approbation.

The Alterations and Improvements since last Season, have made this Theatre the most commodious and elegant of any, that we know of, in America.

When the Curtain drew up, the new Scenes painted by Mr. Richards, presented themselves to us, and exhibited a View of a superb Apartment, at the End of a fine Colonnade of Pillars of the Ionic Order, which, by a happy Disposition of the Lights, had a most pleasing Effect.

The following Occasional Prologue, written by a Gentleman in this City, was spoken by Mr. Hallam.

THE various Dangers of the Ocean o'er,

The Sailor hails with Joy his native Shore;
Forgets the Terrors of the Voyage past,
Nor dreads the rising Surge, or thirring Blast.

With equal Transport, We, once more appear,
Before our gen'rous, candid Judges, here;

On our Endeavours still vouchsafe to smile,
So will you amply recompence our Toil;
Boldly we'll aim to learn from Nature's Page,
And strive to emulate the British Stage.

So much for Us, the Pageants of an Hour,

"Who fret, and strut, and then are heard no more."

A nobler Subject now inspires my Breast,

In ev'ry gen'rous, honest Mind, confess,

I feel the ardent Passion fire my Heart;

Exempt from tragic Pomp, or servile Art.

Long may blest Concord here maintain her Sway,

And radiant Science gild each rising Day;

Whilst Patriots plead, without one private View,

And glorious Liberty alone pursue!

So shall the Mother Isles with Joy approve.

And aid their Offspring with parental Love!

TO THE PRINTER S.

"Tribuni, Tube Seditiois, per Fas atq; Nefas, id e-
gerunt, ut Plebeem agitant, Concionibus atq; Conviciis
in Patres, omnia turbarent, miserentq; quod Ipsi, pul-
sis claris Viris, ad summos Honores, summamq; potentiam
evadere requirerint. Ita, sub Specie Libertatis, Plebe,
quod plerumq; accidit, Lapidibus habitis, Jureque omni
perjuralato, Civitas, uti par erat, in Unius Dominatio-
nem cecit."

Fragm. incerti Auctoris apud Meursium.

I AM a Man much given to Reflection, a Disposition, which, I am apt to think, hath lately grown upon me, from indulging myself in too frequent a Contem-
plation of the publick Miseries which every thoughtful
Mind must preface, from that implacable Spirit of Faction,
which hath gone forth, and which seems to ga-
ther the daily Strength in this infatuated Province. Whilst
I was, the other Day, walking in my Chamber, ab-
sorb'd in deep Meditation, I insensibly fell into a Com-
parison of the prosperous Dominion, and total political
Extinction of those free States of Antiquity, which
had appear'd, at their respective Periods, with such
Splendor on the great Theatre of the World, but are
at this Time sunk into the very Depths and Darkness
of Wretchedness and Slavery. After revolving these
Events, and endeavouring with the utmost Agitation
of Soul, to explore from what Fountain they had is-
sued, I was fain to conclude, that they could have been
produced by no other Cause, but the immediate Ope-
ration of that inscrutable Power, who, in the Lan-
guage of holy Writ, breaketh in Pieces mighty Men with-
out Number, and setteth others in their Stead. Job, ch.
34. ver. 24. It is likely that I should have continued
in this Sentiment, if I had not casually opened a Vo-
lume of *Swiss*, wherein that deep Thinker pours all
the Light of his admirable Genius to dispel the Obscu-
rity which seemed, at first View, to have settled upon
the Subject.

From this Performance, I send you an Extract, to
which, as it may be too long to accompany this Pre-
face, you will be pleased to give a Place in your next
Gazette. I think it cannot but send back, with a
greedy Appetite, to a Perusal of the whole Piece, all
those who have any Relish for that exquisite intel-
lectual Repast, which it is the Lot of a very few in every
Age to be able to furnish. And if there lives One a-
mong us, on whom Nature, Study and Fortune have
bestowed Courage, Talents and Leisure, it may chance
to rouse him into Action: And such a Spirit, we may
fairly hope, though he should not be able effectually
to chain up the Plague, will, at least, by bringing Home
to the present Posture of our Affairs, some pregnant
Crisis in the Fate of those People, who have been de-
monstrably precipitated on their Ruin by the perni-
cious Counsels of professed Patriots, open such Scenes,
and hold up such a Mirror, as cannot fail to inspire
the virtuous with Resolution, retard the violent in the
Career, and disarm the vizarded Incendiary of half his
Power of doing Mischief.

Charles County,

August the 24th, 1772.

CORIOIANUS.

TO THE PRINTER.

MR. C—E AGAINST MR. C—E.

AFTER publishing the following, let the Author
of it attempt again, if he can, to reconcile his
political Character with that of his Profession. Happy
had it been for him, to have recollected, ere he made
some violent Speeches in the Lower House of Assem-
bly, that he might afterwards be tempted with a Fee,
for his Advice in writing!—Such, indeed, was the
Case, when he gave the Opinion lately published;
which was so apparently in Favour of the Clergy.
The People, however, were too discerning, not to per-
ceive the Incongruity and ill Design of their Repre-
sentative. Accordingly, he was called upon to ac-
count for his Conduct.—I need not make use of many
Words to inform you how he acquitted himself.—In
short, he said that his Opinion was given, on Suppo-
sition that the Law of 1702 was in Force; but inasmuch
as he believed that Law was not in Force; he could not
be justly charged with contributing to the Support of
the Cause of the Clergy.

With this Apology all were seemingly satisfied.—
But will they not again be alarmed, when they find
that Mr. Chase had, some Time before then, actually
admitted, likewise, the Validity of the above Law?
This will appear, plain as the Sun at Noon, from the
Opinion below, the Authenticity of which is incon-
testable. And I defy either Mr. CHASE or any of
his Friends to say One Word in his Defence.—Surely,
we shall not hear of his bargaining again, on the Occa-
sion. If so, the Bars of my Countrymen, I trust, will
be callous as the Grave. Wronged in their Confi-
dences, they can and will judge now for themselves,
from the plain Circumstances which have been honestly
laid before them. They will assert their Right to Rea-
son; and no longer be hoodwinked. They will prove
themselves Men.

A COUNTRYMAN.

THE Rev. Mr. Barclay has stated to me, that he has
inducted by the late Governor, Mr. Starke, to St.
Peter's Parish, in Talbot County, some Time in May
1762; and received his Dues from the Time of his In-
duction to the first Day of November following; and
from that Day yearly to the first of November 1766;
that the Inspection Law, expired on the 20th of October
1770; that he remains to this Time Incumbent of that
Parish.

I have perused Mr. Barclay's Instructions to Mr.
Thomas Sherwood, Sheriff of Talbot.

Mr. Barclay has applied to me for my Opinion what
he is entitled to receive from the Sheriff for the Year
1770.

I am clearly of Opinion, that every Taxable in St.
Peter's Parish, not making Oath, and lodging a Cer-
tificate as directed by the late Inspection Law, was
Debtor such a Proportion of Thirty Pounds of inspec-
ted Tobacco as the Time from the first of November to
the twentieth of October bears to the entire Year. And
from each Taxable complying with the Directions, of
that Act, the same Proportion at 12/6 per Hundred; and
that after the twentieth of October, the Expiration of
that Law, Mr. Barclay is ENTITLED TO RECEIVE UN-
DER THE LAW OF 1702; or in short, that he is en-
titled to be paid for that Part of the Year agreeable to
the late Inspection Law. But I am of Opinion that as
the Taxable Inhabitants of Mr. Barclay's Parish had
it not in their Power, from the Circumstance of the
Expiration of the Law, to pay the Sheriff in Inspectors
Notes, that Mr. Barclay can only recover from the
Sheriff what, on a Trial, the Jury shall ascertain the
Value of inspected Tobacco to have been at the Time
it was due.

I am of Opinion that Mr. Barclay may sue at Law
on Mr. Sherwood's Sheriff's Bond, or may sue him
alone in an Action for Tobacco and Money had and
received to his Use; and I am at present of Opinion,
that he may sue him to account in the Court of Chan-
cery; but of this I am not fully satisfied.

Annapolis, April 3d, 1772. SAMUEL CHASE.

THE Second Lot from the Eastern Branch Bridge
to be sold to the highest Bidder, on Saturday
the 26th Day of September next ensuing, with all the
Improvements thereon; A Dwelling House 28 Feet
by 20, Three Rooms on the lower Floor; Two a-
bove; a Kitchen 16 Feet by 12 joining the House,
a good Cellar the Bigness of the House, will con-
tain 50 Hogsheads; a Meat House 12 Feet by 12;
a Garden of Good Ground: All in good Order.
All for Cash or good Bills of Exchange. The Title
indisputable. (w6)

WAIT STILL SINGLETON CHURCH.

Just imported, in the Nancy, Capt. HOW, from London,
and to be sold by the Subscribers, at their Store on the
Front of the Dock in Annapolis, wholesale or retail, on
the most reasonable Terms, for ready Money or on short
Credit.

A LARGE and general Assortment of European and
East India Goods, suitable to the approaching
Season, in which there is great Variety and Choice.

WALLACE, DAVIDSON and JOHN SON.

Annapolis, September 21, 1772.

JUST IMPORTED FROM IRELAND.

A PARCEL of Irish Linens, which will be sold at a
very low Advance: They were bought for ready
Money and are exceeding cheap, so that I can afford
to sell them on better Terms than any that can be im-
ported from London: As I have engaged to leave this
Place by the 10th of next Month, I will sell what
Goods I have on Hand on the most advantageous
Terms to the Purchaser, either wholesale or retail.

JOHN GALLOWAY.

IN the Month of May 1770, and I believe the 29th
Day of said Month, I passed a Bond with Mr.
Townly Bruce my Security, to Mr. Walter Clements Son
of Jacob, of Charles County, conditioned to pay the
said Walter, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or
Assigns, the Sum of Ninety-three Pounds Currency;
which said Sum has been paid to the said Walter C—
ments on my Account, by Mess. John Barnes and Ti-
mas How Ridgate, Merchants in Port Tobacco; and as
the said Walter refuses to deliver up said Bond, pre-
tending it is not paid-off. This is to forewarn all Per-
sons whatsoever from taking an Assignment thereof, as
I will not pay any Part or Parcel of said Bond, the
same having been already discharged in Manner above-
mentioned.

JOHN MADDOX.

I hereby certify, that on the 29th May 1770, Mr.
John Maddox left Credit to Mr. Walter Clements son of
Jacob, for Ninety-three Pounds Currency, on the
Books of Mess. Barnes and Ridgate at their Store in
Port Tobacco, which said Sum was left by Consent of
the said Walter, and in full of the Bond above-men-
tioned, as appears by said Books; the said Walter
having, on the 29th Day of May aforesaid, ordered
the following Payments to be made on his Account by
the said Barnes and Ridgate, viz. To Daniel Jester,
Esq; 151. Currency, to the Estate of Ignatius Middle-
ton 91. 14s. 5d. Currency; and it further appears on
the said Books, that the said Walter was at that Time,
and still is, indebted to the said Barnes and Ridgate's
Balance, after allowing him for the said Credit of 931.
Currency.

22d August 1772. ZEPH. TURNER.

Mr. W A L L, COMEDIAN.

Engages to teach Ladies and Gentlemen to play on the

GUITTAR and MANDOLIN.

HIS Terms are One Guinea Entrance, and the

same Sum for every Eight Attendances, Those

who think proper to employ him, by sending their

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